

BOUNTIFUL PROMISE FROM WESTERN CANADA

Average Increase of Acreage in
Wheat Over 22 Per Cent.

Province.	Wheat Acreage Increase.
Saskatchewan	25 per cent
Alberta	32½ per cent
Manitoba	15 per cent
Average for prairies....	22½ per cent

Saskatchewan.

The growth of the crop during the past week was very satisfactory. Rain fell in many places during the early part of the week, followed by warmer weather, which has been most beneficial to the grain. Breaking and summer-fallowing were well under way, and conditions generally were most promising.

The following reports have been received by the department from the various centers: Denholm—A little rain needed in the northern part to start late grain; remainder of district plenty of moisture. Davidson—Ideal growing weather; a few farmers harrowing grain to conserve moisture by breaking crust formed since last rain. North Battleford to Prince Albert—Good growing weather; crops looking well. Slight damage near North Battleford from cutworms; recent rains beneficial. Kindersley—Crops looking fine and prospects good; plenty of moisture, with prospects of more rain. Every sough in this country is full. Prince Albert—Crops in fair condition, though cutworms and light frosts have done damage in some sections. Have had moderate quantity of rain.

Owing to prompt marketing of the harvest of 1914, the farmers were enabled to devote more time than usual to cultivation in the autumn, under conditions which were decidedly favorable, and that, combined with the opportunities for soil preparation presented by an early spring this year, has resulted in the seeding of a wheat area estimated at twenty-five per cent greater than last year. Areas sown to oats and flax may be less than last year, because of the concentration upon the cereal in greater demand for export. Wheat seeding was completed eight days earlier than the average, under almost ideal conditions.

Alberta.

"Prospects excellent. Abundant moisture throughout the province, following rain. Area thirty to thirty-five per cent greater. Crop generally two weeks earlier."

Attention is drawn to the fact that the land has not been in such fine condition to work for years; neither has there been as much moisture as there was last autumn. This was protected during the winter by a little more than the average snowfall, which remained on the land, not being removed by the warm chinook winds, as is usually the case. There never has been a more optimistic feeling than exists today, judging by the information received from various parts of the province. We feel justified in saying that the crop never went in under more favorable circumstances; weather splendid and land particularly well worked.

While it is true that the acreage will be greatly increased, it is pleasing to learn that, despite the high price of feed, the receipts of milk and cream at the dairies continue to keep up, and that the output of the creameries has increased in quantity.

One of the most encouraging things in last year's work was the increase of practically thirty per cent in the output of cream and butter south of Calgary.

Manitoba.

Owing to the exceptionally early harvest last year and favorable fall weather, a much larger acreage of land was prepared than usual, and

partly for the same reason and the prospects of high prices for all kinds of grain, farmers took more pains in the preparation of land, so that the spring opened up with 1,235,000 acres of fully prepared land above the previous year. Seeding was general by the 7th of April, some days in advance of the average. Since that time the weather has been exceptionally favorable for the sowing of wheat, and the farmers have taken full advantage of it. Much of the crop is now above the surface. There has been a very general and liberal rainfall; this will hasten the germination of the recently sown wheat, and will prevent the soil from drifting off the later sown crop. The area sown in wheat is fully 15 per cent greater than last year.

To sum up the agricultural situation generally, the Department of Agriculture says: "The area is larger than usual, the land has been well prepared, and the wheat has been sown at the right time; not so early as to run the risk of being killed off by frost, but sufficiently early to insure its ripening in the fall."—Advertisement.

An Old-Fashioned Idea.

"I tell you," said Joshua Oldstock, "this here new feminist movement ain't goin' to pan out. The only feminist movement that ever was any good was the one we had when I was a young man."

"Why," his grandniece replied, "there was no such thing as a feminist movement when you were a young man!"

"There wa'n't, eh? That's all you know about it. The greatest feminist movement in the world is a good, sensible woman darnin' a sock and rockin' a cradle with her foot."—Judge.

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"Why, uncle," replied his city nephew, "that is a machine for putting out fires."

"Well, drat my pickler!" exclaimed the old man, "ef I hadn't seed it with my own eyes, I never woulder believe'd that pesky little teakettle could hev held so much water, b'gosh!"

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"But only yesterday," said the dear girl, "you forbade me to even see him again!"

"Well, I have reconsidered the matter," explained the mother. "I still have a bitter grudge against him, and for that reason I am anxious to become his mother-in-law. See?"

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Advice to Donald.

Sister (writing letter to brother at the front)—And hae ye anything else tea say, father?

Father—Ay! Tell Donal' that if he comes ower yon German waiter that gae'd us a bad saxeppence for change when we had a bit o' dinner in London a while syne, tell him—tae—steady aim.—London Punch.

Disguising It.

"Some soot blew over this steak."
"That's easily fixed. Give it a sprinkle with the pepper pot."

SALADS FOR SUMMER

EASILY PREPARED AND APPETIZING PREPARATIONS.

What is Known as Philadelphia Lobster Salad is One of the Best—Excellent When Made With Potatoes and Apples.

Philadelphia Lobster Salad.—Boil one large or two medium-sized lobsters and pick to pieces when cold. To make the dressing for them, beat the yolks of two raw eggs with a teaspoonful of salt, a pinch of cayenne, one-half teaspoonful powdered sugar and full teaspoonful mustard wet with vinegar. Add gradually, and at first very slowly, one cupful olive oil. When quite thick whip in the strained juice of one lemon. Beat five minutes before adding two tablespoonfuls vinegar. Just before serving add to the dressing one-fourth cupful of sweet cream whipped to a froth; stir all well together and into the lobster. Line a salad bowl with the crisp heart leaves of lettuce, put in the seasoned meat and cover with a little more whipped cream. If a little more acid is liked, four tablespoonfuls of vinegar may be used.

Walnut Salad.—Chop lettuce and the whites of two eggs, hard boiled, separately, not too fine. Toss lightly together, sprinkle the top thickly with English walnuts and the yolks of the eggs chopped coarsely. Pour over them any good salad dressing and serve on crisp leaves of lettuce.

Potato and Apple Salad.—Cut in small cubes four cold boiled potatoes and six tart apples that have been peeled and parboiled without sugar for five minutes. Dress in the order given with one-fourth of a teaspoonful of paprika, two teaspoonfuls of salt, six tablespoonfuls of olive oil, a tablespoonful of onion juice, a drop or two of table sauce and six teaspoonfuls of white vinegar; allow the ingredients to marinate in the dressing for ten minutes and then serve in individual lettuce nests, garnish with stuffed olives and rings of apples sprinkled with lemon juice to preserve their whiteness.

Cucumber and Water Cress Salad With Banana Dressing.—Mince finely a bunch of fresh water cress and chop in small pieces of medium-sized cucumber that has been soaked in iced salt water for three-quarters of an hour; toss the two vegetables lightly together and place directly on the ice until ready to serve, seasoning in the process with a saltspoonful of salt, a pinch of white pepper and a little celery salt. Prepare the dressing by pressing three bananas through a puree sieve, heating to a paste with beaten egg and beat for five minutes longer, slowly pouring in three tablespoonfuls of olive oil and stirring or instantly; season with a little French mustard, a few drops of lemon juice and a sprinkling of powdered cinnamon, and pour over the cress and cucumber; arrange on a salpicon of chopped celery garnished with quarters of lemon and blanching nuts.

Leather Cake.

One cupful of sugar, one cupful of milk, two scant cupfuls of flour, one egg, one tablespoonful of butter, half teaspoonful soda, one of cream of tartar and flour to taste. Soften (but do not melt) the butter and beat in sugar, then beaten egg, then add milk, then flour sifted several times with saleratus and cream of tartar. This makes a splendid fine-grained loaf cake and is not at all like a cheap cake.

Chicken Soup.

Three pints chicken stock (use water you boil your chicken in), ten peppercorns, two slices carrot, one slice onion, one blade mace. Cook half hour. Add one pint milk, thicken with three tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour. Salt and pepper to taste.

Scalloped Macaroni.

Take the remnants of any fresh-roasted meat and cut in thin slices; lay them in a dish with a little plain boiled macaroni, season thoroughly with salt and pepper, add a little catchup; fill a deep dish half full, add a very little finely chopped onion and a layer of sliced tomatoes, having previously covered the meat with stock or gravy; make a thick crust of mashed potatoes and bake till this is brown in an oven that is not too hot; this is a meal in itself.

Shortcake.

Mix with one pint of flour a lump of butter the size of an egg, rub up well with baking powder or use two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar in flour; powder fine one teaspoonful saleratus; add one cupful cold water. Make a stiff batter. Add flour if needed. Bake on tin for supper or tea.

Reluctant Luck.

Luck is an uncertain performer. It doesn't always feel like responding to an encore.—Cincinnati Enquirer.



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Reporter's Shorthand Notes Probably as Good as Anything Just at That Precise Time.

A litigant by default, whose wife had obtained a divorce, was somewhat in his cups when he called at the office of William M. McKay, court stenographer, and asked to be shown a transcript of his wife's testimony.

"I haven't time to read it to you now," said McKay. "I'm very busy."

"Well, I wanna have that divorsh an (hic) nulled," he said. "Lemme she the book; I can (hic) read it."

So McKay passed him the tablet containing his shorthand notes, and pointed out the case to him. The litigant by default focused his attention on the pothooks, dips, spurs and angles, and carried the book to the window to get a better light, scowling in an unwonted mental effort. Finally he brought the book back to McKay.

"Is that how it (hic) is?" he asked.

"That's exactly how it is," said McKay.

And then the litigant by default left the room, evidently greatly impressed, if not enlightened.—St. Joseph News Press.

Times Change.

"In olden days a father got many robes and furs and valuable cattle in exchange for a daughter."

"Well?"

"But now the best the old man can get out of it is a few cheap cigars."—Puck.

Youth Came Up to Qualifications Required, and Boss Had to Be Correspondingly Liberal.

The employer who was willing to pay three dollars a week for an office boy advertised for a boy. About 100 replied. To the most likely looking lad he said:

"You look all right, but I must test your vocabulary. You know what 'vocabulary' means?"

"Yes, sir."

"Very well, I want a boy with a vocabulary. My customers are well-bred, educated people, and I must have a boy who can answer them with something more intelligent than 'Uh-huh.' 'Yep' and 'I guess so.'"

He put several questions to the boy, and received satisfactory replies.

"You will do," he said. "You may go to work now."

"I beg your pardon," said the amazing boy, "but there is one example of my vocabulary that you have not heard."

"Well, what is it?"

"I am sorry, sir, but I could not think of using this kind of language for three dollars a week. It is worth five dollars."

The employer concluded that it was, and paid it.

Proof.

"Smith is quite a convincing speaker, isn't he?"

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